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Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Inventors: Karen L. FINCHER  
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Please see the attached Express Abandonment under 37 CFR § 1.138(a) for the above-identified application.

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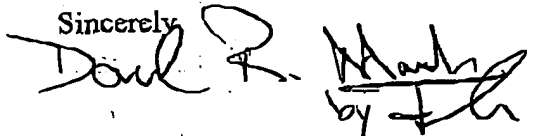
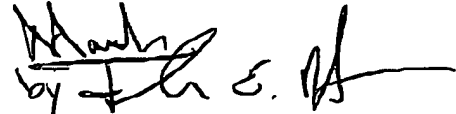
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is an Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a). This letter and its attachment are being sent via facsimile to the attention of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docketing number 16517.281.

Sincerely,

  
by David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)  
By Thomas E. Holsten (Reg. No. 46,098)

Attachment

I hereby certify that this transmittal and the attached Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) are being facsimile transmitted to the US PTO to the attention of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences via facsimile number (571) 273-0299.

  
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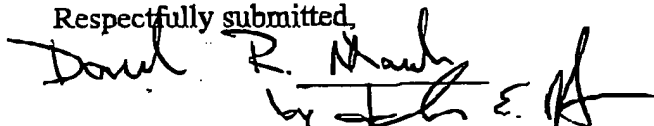
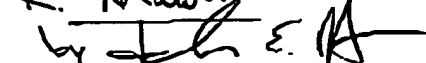
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Applicants hereby expressly abandon U.S. Application Serial No. 09/732,627 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) in view of a continuing application filed on December 22, 2005.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below. The undersigned is an attorney of record and therefore has authority to expressly abandon the above-captioned U.S. application in favor of a continuing application filed on December 22, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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